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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]
Program and Budget Staff
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FROM: [redacted]
Acting Director, Planning and Policy Staff
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SUBJECT: Comments on EIAP Proposal by [redacted]

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1. [redacted] has presented a proposal for study that is perhaps well overdue in both government and industry. His conclusions and recommendations on ways to improve US collection of Japanese S&T material should prove very useful. If he can offer recommendations for exploiting this material, that is, for making it available in a useable and timely form to both US Government and industry, he will have provided a very valuable service. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] biographical sketch indicates that he has an excellent background for attempting this study, both from a selection and translation standpoint. His point about the linguistic and cultural weaknesses of US scientists and engineers is well taken. The wording of his proposal suggests that he may be able to provide insights from a Japanese point of view. [redacted]

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3. An assessment of the amount of untranslated Japanese S&T material backlogged in FBIS was accomplished by ICS/PPS several years ago, but no attempt was made to survey private industrial and academic holdings. The size of the backlog was phenomenal. Any effort that would cut into the amount of untranslated material in the future would be invaluable, to say nothing of the benefits to US industry of more timely insights into Japanese theoretical work and industrial applications. [redacted]

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4. I believe that the Japanese S&T issue will prove to be a sufficiently large task by itself, without attempting to bring in the other countries of the Pacific Basin "Gang of Four." I would suggest that [redacted] consider holding that topic in reserve for a future effort. [redacted]

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5. I recommend that [redacted] proposal be ~~accepted~~ funded. [redacted]

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